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GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS – CERTIFICATION

Certification of a student medium (communicant), student healer, and/or student for the Licentiate Ministry by the National Spiritualist Association of Churches carries with it certain legal and moral responsibilities. The purpose of this pamphlet is to establish the criteria by which certification is granted and to provide the student requesting certification with guidelines for attainment.

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WHAT IS CERTIFICATION?

Certification is a public recognition by the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, as recommended and endorsed by the California State Spiritualist Association and Serenity Spiritualist Association, of a student as a qualified Spiritual servant and representative of the science, philosophy and religion of Modern Spiritualism and its teachings as presented by Serenity Spiritualist Association. Certification is granted by the National Spiritualist Association upon successful completion of the prescribed requirements and upon passing the appropriate examinations as required and conducted by Serenity Spiritualist Association and the California State Spiritualist Association. Certification is valid for a period of one year.

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS?

Whereas a certified medium (communicant), healer, and/or licentiate minister is a servant of the Spirit, so it is in the spirit of service that he demonstrates his qualifications. Certification is a constant process of qualification. A student seeking certification is one who demonstrates regular attendance and active support of his church, its teachings and all of its functions and activities — spiritually, mentally and materially.

Specific requirements — Healers:

- 1. Students are required to serve in the capacity of student healers at 54 consecutive regular Sunday services.**
- 2. Students are required to attend all classes offered by the church.**
- 3. Students' healing talents must be demonstrated as efficacious by means of verified results.**

Specific requirements — Mediums (communicants):

1. Students are required to attend 54 consecutive regular Sunday services and to serve in the capacity of student mediums when and as requested.
2. Students are required to attend all classes offered by the church.
3. Significant demonstration of the students' Spiritual communicative talents is required.

Specific requirements – Licentiate Ministers:

1. Students are required to attend 54 consecutive regular Sunday services and to serve in the capacity of student lecturers and/or chairman when and as requested.
2. Students are required to attend all classes offered by the church.
3. Students are required to demonstrate a thorough working knowledge of the structure, policies and operation of the Association and its church services.
4. A successful completion of the General Course offered by the National Spiritualist Association of Churches.

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS

Serenity Spiritualist Association is a member church of the California State Spiritualist Association, which, in turn, is an auxiliary of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches. Accordingly, a student functioning through this Association is responsible to and must be governed by the principles and statutes espoused and declared by these associations. In addition, the student is responsible to act in accordance with federal, state, county and local laws governing the conduct of their respective talents in service.

RULES – PUBLIC CONDUCT OF STUDENTS

1. All counseling and healing appointments are scheduled within the confines of the church building and then only on Sundays following regular services.
2. No fee of any kind shall be charged for counseling or healing; however, students may accept donations on behalf of the church.
3. Students are representatives of their church and as such should consult with and have its approval prior to any public appearances or demonstrations of their Spiritual talents.
4. Students should serve in attire which is in keeping with the dignity of the church service. Long dresses or long skirts are recommended for ladies, coat and tie for gentlemen.

ATTAINMENT OF CERTIFICATION – GUIDELINES

Students of Serenity Spiritualist Association are given the opportunity to demonstrate their qualifications for certification through service. True selfless service – serving the Divine – is not a “once-a-week” effort. Spiritualism does not dictate the morals or private conduct of the individual. However, if a student does not feel that he can, in good conscience, support the teachings and principles of Spiritualism, then he should seek certification elsewhere. If a student is seeking to gain the support of his church through certification, he should be willing to demonstrate his support in body, mind and spirit that which he seeks.

A guide word for the student seeking certification is Total Consideration. Spiritual interdimensional communication and healing are demonstrations of Spiritual principles and so, to be effective as a SPIRITUAL medium or healer, a student must become those principles through

which he aspires to express. If the student finds himself saying, "I have been working and studying in Spiritualism for () years, I deserve certification," that is a sure sign the student is not yet ready for it. For time spent is only an effect, and it is the motivation or cause behind that effect that is the true criterion upon which certification is based. If a student finds himself saying, "I need certification so that I may help more people and thereby be more effective as a servant," it is an indication that he is beginning to recognize the need of self to serve selflessly, but it is also a sure sign that he is not yet ready for certification. If a student's understanding dictates how the Divine may best be served — what is best for God — he is demonstrating the level from which he would not hesitate to determine what is best for his fellow man or those whom he would be counseling or healing. Analysis, opinion and judgement are

mental properties, not Spiritual qualities. So-called psychic abilities, in their proper perspective, may be instrumental in Spiritual service; however, psychic talents do not, in and of themselves, guarantee Spirituality. Certification by the National Spiritualist Association of Churches is a recognition of one who has unfolded Spiritual discernment and, so, is qualified to convey Spiritual guidance or healing.

Serenity Church encourages all Spiritually minded students who seek to fulfill the Divine Purpose of their soul's incarnation. The realization of the Light of Truth within is individual to each who seeks and, so, it is in the Spirit of Love and through Divine Principle, that Serenity Spiritualist Association is dedicated to the support and guidance of each of its students in their Spiritual search for Truth.

